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S.B. No. 482

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation of a program to assist foster care youth
3 and former foster care youth in accessing higher education, career
4 information, and skills certifications.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 264.1211 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 264.1211. CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.

9 The department shall collaborate with local workforce development
10 boards, foster care transition centers, community and technical
11 colleges, schools, and any other appropriate workforce industry
12 resources to create a program that:

13 (1) assists foster care youth and former foster care
14 youth in obtaining:

15 (A) a high school diploma or a high school
16 equivalency certificate; and

17 (B) industry certifications that are necessary
18 for occupations that are in high demand;

19 (2) provides career guidance to foster care youth and
20 former foster care youth; and

21 (3) informs foster care youth and former foster care
22 youth about the tuition and fee waivers for institutions of higher
23 education that are available under Section 54.366, Education Code.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.